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Title: The Minister of External Affairs made a statement regarding the alleged harrassment meted out to participants of the rally organized by the Hindu Rights Action Force (HINDRAF) in Kuala Lumpur on 25 November, 2007 and subsequent related matters.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Before I call on the next Member, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Leader of the House will make a statement on the Malaysian issue.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, during the morning session, some hon. Members expressed their concern regarding the alleged harassment of participants of the rally organized by the Hindu Rights Action Force (HINDRAF) in Kuala Lumpur on November 25, 2007 and subsequent related matters. The stated purpose of the rally was to handover a petition to the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur seeking the support of the Queen Elizabeth II for a class action suit filed in the UK for the exploitation of Indians who were brought to Malaysia as indentured labour. [R42]

Governm[MSOffice43]ent remains deeply solicitous for the welfare of the people of Indian origin living abroad. As Members are aware, there is a large community of people of Indian origin in Malaysia who are citizens of that country. We have friendly relations with Malaysia and we are in touch with the Malaysian authorities in the related matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. KRISHNASWAMY (SRIPERAMBUDUR): Sir, the derogatory and uncalled for remarks made by the Malaysian Minister against our leader, Dr. Karunanidhi, have hurt the feelings of the Tamil community. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please sit down. Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) â€¦*

SHRI A. KRISHNASWAMY : It should be condemned, Sir.

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* Not recorded

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: When I say that nothing is going on record, you should sit down.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: We are all aware that Dr. Karunanidhi is our great and respected national leader and that is why, I have not only said "demonstration" but also "related matters" in my statement. I have also stated in the last part of the statement that I am in touch with the Malaysian Government and I am going to take it up. ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री मोहन सिंह (देवरिया) : लेकिन मलेशियन गवर्नमेंट के एक मिनिस्टर ने एक चीफ मिनिस्टर को क्या-क्या कह दिया, इसकी भी चर्चा होनी चाहिए।...(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This is not the stage to comment on the statement. आप नोटिस दे दीजिए, उसके बाद जो फैसला होगा, वह करेंगे।

...(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is :

> "That the Bill further to amend the Indian Boilers Act, 1923, as passed by Rajya Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House will now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

The question is:

"Clauses 2 to 30 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 30 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Long Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.